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## NEWS RELEASES

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FCC'S INTERNATIONAL BUREAU READY TO GRANT DBS LICENSES TO MCI AND ECHOSTAR; COMMISSION SPEEDS NEW VIDEO SERVICES IN WAKE OF SUCCESSFUL DBS AUCTION. Report No: IN 96-25. IB. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/News\\_Releases/1996/nrin6029.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/News_Releases/1996/nrin6029.txt)

BROADCAST STATION TOTALS. MMB.

FCC FILINGS. OPA.

FCC CALENDAR OF EVENTS. OPA.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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Report No: N-50-A. Released: December 6, 1996. COMMON CARRIER NETWORK SERVICE APPLICATIONS.

Released: December 6, 1996. TARIFF TRANSMITTAL PUBLIC REFERENCE LOG: DECEMBER 5, 1996.

Report No: 1106. Released: December 6, 1996. CABLE TELEVISION SERVICE REGISTRATIONS; SPECIAL RELIEF AND OTHER FILINGS.

Released: December 6, 1996. CYPRESS BROADCASTING CORPORATION. Granted waiver of 47 C.F.R. Section 76.92(f) requested by Television Broadcasts Station KCBA (Channel 35), Salinas, California, which demonstrated that Television Broadcast Station KTVU (Channel 2), Oakland, California, had not been significantly viewed for two consecutive years in certain California communities, and that it therefore no longer qualifies for the significantly viewed exception from the Commission's network nonduplication rules. (DA No. 96-2014). Action by: Deputy Chief, Cable Services Bureau. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1996\\_TXT/da962014](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1996_TXT/da962014)

Report No: TEL-56-A. Released: December 6, 1996. STREAMLINED INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING.(Formal Section 63.18).

Report No: TEL-56-B. Released: December 6, 1996. NON-STREAMLINED INTERNATIONAL SECTION 214 AND CABLE LANDING LICENSE APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING.(Formal Section 63.18 and 1.767).

Released: December 6, 1996. FCC ANNOUNCES IT IS READY TO GRANT A DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE AUTHORIZATION TO ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION. (DA No. 96-2054). Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public\\_Notices/1996/da962054.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public_Notices/1996/da962054.txt)

Released: December 6, 1996. FCC ANNOUNCES IT IS READY TO GRANT A DIRECT BROADCAST SATELLITE AUTHORIZATION TO MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION. (DA No. 96-2055). Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public\\_Notices/1996/da962055.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Public_Notices/1996/da962055.txt)

Report No: 43882. Released: December 6, 1996. BROADCAST ACTIONS.

Report No: 295. Released: December 6, 1996. MASS MEDIA BUREAU CALL SIGN ACTIONS.

Report No: 23882. Released: December 6, 1996. BROADCAST APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING.

Report No: 23882A. Released: December 6, 1996. INSTRUCTIONAL TELEVISION FIXED SERVICE: PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PERMITS AND LICENSES. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Public\\_Notices/ITFS\\_Notices/pnmm6042](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Public_Notices/ITFS_Notices/pnmm6042)

Report No: NA-200. Released: December 6, 1996. NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF FM BROADCAST APPLICATIONS AND NOTIFICATION OF PETITION TO DENY DEADLINE.

Report No: A-305. Released: December 6, 1996. NON-COMMERICAL EDUCATIONAL FM BROADCAST APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR FILING AND NOTIFICATION OF CUT-OFF DATE.

Released: December 6, 1996. NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION COLLECTIONS BEING REVIEWED BY FCC FOR EXTENSION UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY 5 CFR 1320 AUTHORITY, COMMENTS REQUESTED - PRA 97-011.

Report No: CL-97-13. Released: December 6, 1996. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL RADIO SERVICE INFORMATION. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1996/pnw16185](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1996/pnw16185)

Report No: LB-97-09. Released: December 6, 1996. WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU COMMERCIAL WIRELESS SERVICE INFORMATION. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public\\_Notices/1996/pnw16184](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/Public_Notices/1996/pnw16184)

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## TEXTS

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NATIONAL TELEPHONE SERVICES, INC. Withdrew MCI Communications Corporation application for review and reversed, in part, the Common Bureau's MO&O released January 28, 1993 in the same proceeding. Action by Chief, Formal Complaints and Investigations Branch, Enforcement Division, Common Carrier Bureau. Adopted: December 6, 1996. by Order. (DA No. 96-2033). CCB

TELESCRIPPS CABLE COMPANY. Granted Comcast's Motion for An Extension of Time to file its petition for reconsideration of an order recently issued by the Cable Services Bureau, for Hardin County, KY. Action by Chief, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: December 4, 1996. by Order. (DA No. 96-2032). CSB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1996\\_TXT/da962032](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1996_TXT/da962032)

ERRATUM - FALCON CABLE TV. Issued Erratum to Order DA-96-1690 (released October 9, 1996) to correct the following: The caption is corrected as indicated; any reference to the franchise area is corrected to the County of Whitfield; any reference to the Local Franchise Authority is corrected to the County of Whitfield. Action by

Chief, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: November 26, 1996. by Erratum. (DA No. 96-1690). CSB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1996\\_TXT/er961690](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1996_TXT/er961690)

TCI OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC. Denied complaint concerning the rates charged for cable programming services in Pittsburgh, PA. Action by Chief, Financial Analysis and Compliance Division, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: December 2, 1996. by Order. (DA No. 96-2022). CSB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1996\\_TXT/da962022](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1996_TXT/da962022)

CABLE SATELLITE OF SOUTH MIAMI, INC. Dismissed complaints filed against Cable Satellite of South Miami, Inc. concerning its charges for cable programming service tier in Maimi, FL. Action by Chief, Financial Analysis and Compliance Division, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: December 2, 1996. by Order. (DA No. 96-2023). CSB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1996\\_TXT/da962023](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1996_TXT/da962023)

TELENOIS, INC. D/B/A TCI OF ILLINOIS, INC. Denied complaint concerning the rates charged for cable programming services in Mount Prospect, IL. Action by Chief, Financial Analysis and Compliance Division, Cable Services Bureau. Adopted: December 2, 1996. by Order. (DA No. 96-2021). CSB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1996\\_TXT/da962021](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Cable/Orders/1996_TXT/da962021)

ECHOSTAR DBS CORPORATION. Granted authorization to Construct, Launch and Operate a Direct Broadcast Satellite System at 148 Degrees W.L. Adopted: December 5, 1996. (DA No. 96-1794). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1996/da961794>

AMERICASKY CORPORATION. Granted transfer of control of AmericaSky to Entel USA Holdings, Inc. Entel USA is a U.S. corporation indirectly owned and controlled by Empresa Nacional de Telecomunicaciones S.A., a long distance carrier organized under the laws of, and operating in, Chile. Action by Deputy Bureau Chief, International Bureau. Adopted: December 4, 1996. by O&A. (DA No. 96-2034). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1996/da962034>

MCI TELECOMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION. Granted MCI's authorization to Construct, Launch and Operate a Direct Broadcast Satellite System at 110 degrees W.L. Denied MCI's application for an initial construction and launch authorization in the DBS service filed by Echostar Satellite Corporation, Directstat Corporation and Echostar DBS Corporation and DIRECTV, Inc., also denied request by PRIMESTAR Partners L.P. to condition Commission action on the outcome of any appeals taken from the Commission's order in Advanced Communications Corporation. Action by Chief, International Bureau. Adopted: December 5, 1996. by Order. (DA No. 96-1793). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1996/da961793>

TELEBERMUDA INTERNATIONAL, L.L.C. Granted, subject to conditions, application for cable landing license to TELEBERMUDA International, L.L.C. to land and operate a digital private fiber optic submarine cable system, BUS-1), extending between the U.S. and Bermuda. Action by Chief, Telecommunications Division, International Bureau. Adopted: December 4, 1996. by Cable Landing Lic. (DA No. 96-2035). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1996/da962035>

MFS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, INC., WORLDCOM, INC., EAGLE UPLINK CORPORATION. Granted transfer of control to WorldCom of MFS Communications Company, Inc. Section 214 authorizations, earth station licenses, and cable landing license, and all terms and conditions of all Commission orders authority to MFSCC and its subsidiaries. Dismissed Westside's petition to deny. Action by Chief, International Bureau. Adopted: December 5, 1996. by MO&O&A. (DA No. 96-2039). IB Internet URL: <https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/International/Orders/1996/da962039>

ERRATUM - MENA, ARKANSAS. Report and Order in this proceeding, released November 8, 1996, DA-96-1812, changes effective dates for window application for Channel 287C3 at Mena, Arkansas, to reflect opening on January 21, 1997, and closure on February 21, 1997, rather than December 23, 1996 and January 23, 1997. Dkt No.: MM- 96-135. Action by the Commission. Adopted: November 4, 1996. by NPRM. (DA No. 96-2030). MMB

MADISON, INDIANA. Proposed amending Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's rules, the Table of FM Allotments, to allot Channel 266A to Madison, Indiana, as the community's second local FM service; filing window, January 27, 1997-February 11, 1997. Dkt No.: MM- 96-244. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: November 29, 1996. by NPRM. (DA No. 96-1995). MMB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Notices/1996/da961995](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Notices/1996/da961995)

BRACKETTVILLE, TEXAS. Amended Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, the Table of FM Allotments, to allot Channel 234A to Brackettville, Texas. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: November 29, 1996. by R&O. (DA No. 96-1996). MMB

LOCKPORT, NEW YORK. Proposed amending Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, the Table of FM Allotments, to allot Channel 221A to Lockport, New York, as the community's first local FM service; filing window January 27, 1997-February 11, 1997. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: November 29, 1996. by NPRM. (DA No. 96-1991). MMB

CHUGWATER, WYOMING. Proposed amending Section 73.202(b) of the Commission's Rules, the Table of FM Allotments, to allot Channel 258A to Chugwater, Wyoming, as the communities first local aural transmission service; filing window January 27, 1997-February 11, 1997. Dkt No.: MM- 96-243. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: November 29, 1996. (DA No. 96-1994). MMB

CHEYENNE, WYOMING. Proposed amending Section 73.202(b) of the Commission Rules, the Table of FM Allotments, to allot Channel 229A Cheyenne, Wyoming, as the community's sixth local FM transmission service; filing window January 27, 1997-February 11, 1997. Dkt No.: MM- 96-242. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: November 29, 1996. by NPRM. (DA No. 96-1993). MMB

BARRON AND RICE LAKE, WISCONSIN. Granted application, subject to conditions, of the Commission's Rules, the Table of FM Allotments, to amend license of WAQE-FM, Rice Lake to specify operation on Channel 256C2 instead of Channel 249C3, Barron, Wisconsin. Dkt No.: MM- 96-15. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: November 29, 1996. by R&O. (DA No. 96-1997). MMB

"MINDEN AND NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA. Proposed amending Section 73.202(b) of the Commission Rules, the Table of FM Allotments, to allot Channels 239A, Minden, Louisiana, and Channel 240A, Natchitoches, Louisiana, requesting substitution of Channel 239C2 for channel 239A at Minden, Louisiana, and modification of Station KASO(FM)'s authorization to specify the higher powered channel, also request substitution of Channel 264A at Natchitoches, Louisiana and modification of Station KZBL(FM)'s license to reflect the alternate Class A Channel. Dkt No.: MM- 96-241. Action by Chief, Allocations Branch, Policy and Rules Division, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: November 29, 1996. by NPRM. (DA No. 96-1992). MMB"

**ADDENDA: The following items, released December 5, 1996, did not appear in Digest No. 230:**

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## NEWS RELEASES

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FARQUHAR DISCUSSES TOWER SITING, UNIVERSAL SERVICE AND OTHER BUREAU PRIORITIES AT FCBA LUNCHEON. WTB. Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News\\_Releases/1996/nrw16055.txt](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Wireless/News_Releases/1996/nrw16055.txt)

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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Released: December 5, 1996. " PLEADING CYCLE ESTABLISHED - RECENT PETITIONS FOR WAIVER OF TARIFF REQUIREMENTS FOR ORIGINATING LINE SCREENING SERVICES AND EX PARTE STATUS OF RELATED PROCEEDING FILE NO. CCB/CPD 96-32.Comments: December 12, 1996 Reply Comments: December 16, 1996. (DA No. 96-2038)."

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**SPEECHES**

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MICHELE C. FARQUHAR - CHIEF OF THE FCC'S WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUREAU BEFORE THE WIRELESS PRACTICE COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS BAR ASSOCIATION.

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**TEXTS**

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NEWSPAPER/RADIO CROSS-OWNERSHIP WAIVER POLICY. Granted waiver request filed by Haley Bader & Potts for an extension of time which to file comments and reply comments, in response to Notice of Inquiry in MM Docket No. 96-197, and extended time for filing comments to February 7, 1997, and the time to file reply comments extended to March 7, 1997, in response to the Notice of Inquiry in MM Docket No. 96-197. Action by Chief, Mass Media Bureau. Adopted: December 5, 1996. by Order. (DA No. 96-2036). MMB Internet URL: [https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass\\_Media/Orders/1996/da962036](https://www.fcc.gov/Bureaus/Mass_Media/Orders/1996/da962036)